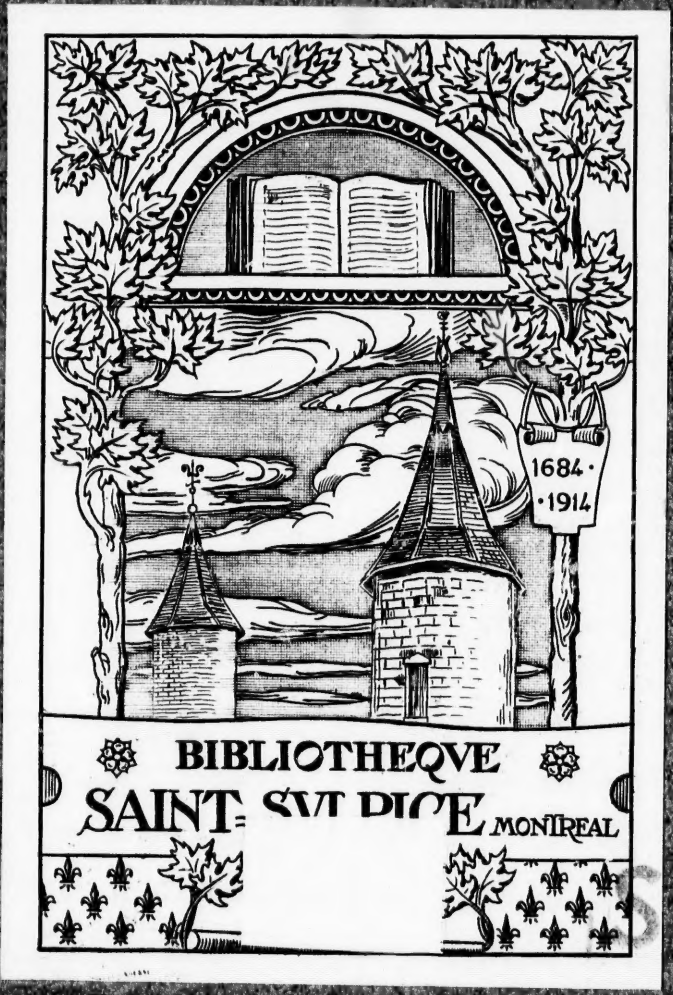
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The Form of Conſecrating a Church.

The Biſhop is to be received at the weſt door, or at ſome other part of the Church, or Churchyard, which is moſt convenient for his entrance, by ſome of the principal inhabitants.

At the place where the Biſhop is received, a petition is to be delivered to him by ſome one of the perſons who receive him, praying that he will conſecrate the Church.

The Petition is to be read by the Secretary.

The Biſhop, his Chaplains, the Preacher, and the Miniſter who is to read Divine Service, together with the reſt of the Clergy, if any other be preſent, enter the Church, and repair to the Veſtry, where, as many as are to officiate put on their ſeveral habits; during which time, the Pariſhioners are to repair to their ſeats, and the middle ile is to be kept clear.

As ſoon as the Church is quiet, the Biſhop and his Chaplains, with the Preacher and the Miniſter who is to officiate, and the reſt of the Clergy, if any other be preſent, return to the weſt door, and go up the middle ile to the Communion Table, repeating the 24th Pſalm alternately, as they go up, the Biſhop one verſe, and they another.

PSALM XXIV.

1. THE earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is: the compaſs of the world, and they that dwell therein.
2. For he hath founded it upon the ſeas: and prepared it upon the floods.
3. Who ſhall aſcend into the hill of the Lord, or who ſhall riſe up in his holy place?
4. Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart: and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor ſworn to deceive his neighbour.

5. He

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5. He ſhall receive the bleſſing from the Lord: and righteouſneſs from the God of his ſalvation.

6. This is the generation of them that ſeek him: even of them that ſeek thy face, O Jacob.

7. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlaſting doors: and the King of Glory ſhall come in.

8. Who is the King of Glory? it is the Lord, ſtrong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

9. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlaſting doors: and the King of Glory ſhall come in.

10. Who is the King of Glory? even the Lord of Hoſts, he is the King of Glory.

The Biſhop and his Chaplains go within the rails; the Biſhop to the north ſide of the Communion Table, and the Chaplains to the ſouth ſide: The miniſter officiating goes to the reading desk, and the Preacher to ſome convenient ſeat near the Pulpit.

The Biſhop, ſitting in his chair, is to have the inſtrument or inſtruments of donation and endowment preſented to him by the founder, or ſome proper ſubſtitute; which he lays upon the Communion Table, and then ſtanding up, and turning to the congregation, ſays:

DEARLY beloved in the Lord; foraſmuch as devout and holy men, as well under the Law as under the Gospel, moved either by the ſecret inſpiration of the bleſſed ſpirit, or by the expreſs command of God, or by their own reaſon and ſenſe of the natural decency of things, have erected houſes for the publick worſhip of God, and ſeparated them from all profane and common uſes, in order to fill men's minds with greater reverence for his Glorious Majesty, and affect their hearts with more devotion and humility in his ſervice; which pious works have been approved and graciouſly accepted by our Heavenly Father: Let us not doubt but he will alſo favourably approve our godly purpoſe, of ſetting apart this place in ſolemn manner, to the performance of the ſeveral offices of religious worſhip, and let us faithfully and devoutly beg his bleſſing on this our undertaking.

Then

Then the Biſhop kneeling, ſays the following prayer.

O ETERNAL God, mighty in power, and of majeſty incomprehenſible, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much leſs the walls of temples made with hands, and who yet haſt been graciously pleaſed to promiſe thy eſpecial preſence in whatever place even two or three of thy faithful ſervants ſhall aſſemble in thy name, to offer up their praiſes and ſupplications unto thee; vouchſafe, O Lord, to be preſent with us, who are here gathered together, with all humility and readineſs of heart, to conſecrate this place to the honour of thy great name; ſeparating it from henceforth from all unhallowed, ordinary, and common uſes, and dedicating it to thy ſervice, for reading thy holy word, for celebrating thy holy ſacraments, for offering to thy Glorious Majeſty the ſacrifices of prayer and thanksgiving, for bleſſing thy people in thy name, and for the performance of all other holy ordinances: Accept, O Lord, this ſervice at our hands, and bleſs it with ſuch ſucceſs, as may tend moſt to thy glory, and the furtherance of our happineſs both temporal and ſpiritual, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our bleſſed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

After this, let the Biſhop ſtand up, and turning his face toward the Congregation, ſay:

REGARD, O Lord, the ſupplications of thy ſervants; and grant, that whoſoever ſhall be dedicated to thee in this houſe by baptiſm, may be ſanctified with the holy ghoſt, delivered from thy wrath and eternal death, and received as a living member of Chriſt's church, and may ever remain in the number of thy faithful and elect children. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that they who at this place ſhall in their own perſons renew the promiſes and vows made by their ſureties for them at their baptiſm, and thereupon ſhall be confirmed by the Biſhop, may receive ſuch a meaſure of thy holy ſpirit, that they may be enabled faithfully to fulfil the ſame, and grow in grace unto their lives end. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that whoſoever ſhall receive in this place the bleſſed ſacrament of the body and blood of Chriſt, may come to that holy ordi-

ordinance with faith, charity, and true repentance; and being filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, may to their great and endleſs comfort, obtain remiſſion of their ſins, and all other benefits of his paſſion. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that by thy holy word which ſhall be read and preached in this place, and by thy holy ſpirit, grafting it inwardly in the heart, the hearers thereof may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and may have power and ſtrength to fulfil the ſame. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that whoſoever ſhall be joined together in this place in the holy eſtate of matrimony, may faithfully perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, and may remain in perfect love together unto their lives end. *Amen.*

Grant, we beſeech thee, bleſſed Lord, that whoſoever ſhall draw near unto thee in this place, to give thee thanks for the benefits which they have received at thy hands, to ſet forth thy moſt worthy praiſe, to confeſs their ſins unto thee, and to aſk ſuch things as are requiſite and neceſſary, as well for the body as the ſoul; may do it with ſuch ſtedfaſtneſs of faith, and with ſuch ſeriousneſs, affection and devotion of mind, that thou mayeſt accept their bounden duty and ſervice, and vouchſafe to give whatever in thy infinite wiſdom thou ſhalt ſee to be moſt expedient for them: All which we beg for Jeſus Chriſt his ſake, our bleſſed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

The Biſhop ſitting in his chair.

Then the ſentence of conſecration is to be read by the Official, and ſigned by the Biſhop, and by him ordered to be regiſtered, and then laid upon the Communion Table.

After this, the perſon appointed is to read the Service for the Day, except where it is otherwiſe directed.

Proper Pſalms, 84, 122.

Firſt Leſſon, 1 Kings 8. from v. 22. incl. to v. 62.
Second Leſſon, Hebr. 10. from v. 19. incl. to v. 26. *Af-*

After the Collect for the Day the Miniſter who reads the Service ſtops till the Biſhop hath ſaid the following Prayer.

O Moſt Bleſſed Saviour, who by thy gracious preſence at the feaſt of dedication, didſt approve and honour ſuch Religious Services, as this which we are now performing unto thee, be preſent at this time with us alſo by thy holy ſpirit and becauſe holineſs becometh thine houſe for ever, ſanctify us we pray thee, that we may be living temples, holy and acceptable unto thee; and ſo dwell in our hearts by faith, and poſſeſs our ſouls by thy grace, that nothing which defileth may enter into us; but that being cleanſed from all carnal and corrupt affections, we may ever be devoutly given to ſerve thee in all good works, who art Our Saviour, Lord, and God, bleſſed for evermore. *Amen.*

Then the Miniſter proceeds in the Service of the Day, to the end of the General Thankſgiving, after which, the Biſhop ſays the following Prayer.

BLESSED be thy Name, O Lord God, that it hath pleaſed thee by thy good ſpirit, to diſpoſe our Gracious Sovereign, to ſupply the ſpiritual wants of thy people, by appointing this Church to be erected and endowed for thy worſhip and ſervice; multiply thy bleſſings upon him, for his pious regard to thy honour, and to the good of ſouls; remember him concerning this, and wipe not out the kindneſs he has ſhewed to thy Church, and to the offices thereof; and grant that he may ſee and long enjoy the fruits of his godly zeal, in the edification of the Members of our Church, and in the reduction of thoſe, in the ſpirit of meekneſs, who diſſent from it; that we may all live together in the unity of the ſpirit, and in the bond of peace, thro' Jeſus Chriſt Our Lord. *Amen*

Then the Miniſter who officiates, is to go on the Prayer of St. Chryſoſtom, *and the* Grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt.

Then a Pſalm is to be ſung, viz. 26. 6, 7, 8. *with* Gloria Patri.

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Communion Service.

The Biſhop, ſtanding on the north ſide of the Communion Table, as before, reads the Communion Service.

After the Collect for the King, he ſays the following Prayer.

O Moſt glorious Lord God, we acknowledge that we are not worthy to offer unto thee any thing belonging to us; yet we beſeech thee, in thy great goodneſs graciouſly to accept the dedication of this place to thy ſervice, and to proſper this our undertaking: Receive the prayers and interceſſions of us, and all other thy ſervants, who either now or hereafter entering into this houſe, ſhall call upon thee; and give both them and us grace to prepare our hearts to ſerve thee with reverence and godly fear: Affect us with an awful apprehenſion of thy Divine Majeſty, and a deep ſenſe of our own unworthyneſs; that ſo, approaching thy ſanctuary with lowlineſs and devotion, and coming before thee with clean thoughts and pure hearts, with bodies undefiled, and minds ſanctified, we may always perform a ſervice acceptable to thee, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

The two Chaplains are to read, one the Epiſtle, and the other the Goſpel.

The Epiſtle; 2 Cor. 6. 14. incl. to v. 17.
The Goſpel, Joh. 2. v. 13. to v. 18. incl.

Then the Biſhop reads the Nicene Creed. After which, a Pſalm is ſung, viz. Pſ. 100.

The Sermon.

The Sermon being ended, and all who do not receive the Holy Communion retired, and the doors ſhut; the Biſhop proceeds in the Communion Service; and he and the Clergy having made their oblations, the Churchwardens collect the offerings of the reſt of the Congregation.

After the Communion, and immediately before the final bleſſing, the Biſhop ſays the following Prayer.

BLESSED be thy name, O Lord God, for that it pleaſeth thee to have thy habitation among the ſons of men, and to dwell in the midſt of the aſſembly of the ſaints upon earth; bleſs, we beſeech thee, the religious performance of this day: And grant that in this place, now ſet apart to thy ſervice, thy holy name may be worſhipped in truth and purity to all generations, thro' Jeſus Chriſt Our Lord. *Amen.*

The peace of God, which paſſeth all underſtanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jeſus Chriſt Our Lord: and the bleſſing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghoſt, be amongſt you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

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